MEMORANDUM FOR Army National Guard (ARNG) Recruiting and Retention Force (RRF)


1. References.
   b. Title 10, United States Code, section 671 (Members not to be assigned outside the United States before completing training).
   d. AR 601-210 (Regular Army and Reserve Components Enlistment Program), 31 August 2016.
   e. PPOM 19-047, Army National Guard (ARNG) Accession Options Criteria (AOC), 9 October 2019.
   f. PPOM 19-049, Army National Guard (ARNG) MEPS Processing, 2 October 2019.

2. This memorandum rescinds SMOM 20-010.

3. All PS personnel entering the Army National Guard who have not completed Army Basic Combat Training (BCT), U.S. Marine Corps Basic Training, U.S. Air Force (USAF) Special Operations Forces training, U.S. Navy Special Operations Forces training, or USAF Security Forces training, will be required to attend one of these three courses (no exceptions to policy permitted):
   a. PS-AIC (If TRADOC develops and implements / course is not currently available),
   b. Basic Combat Training (BCT), or
   c. One Station Unit Training (OSUT).
4. Prior Service (PS) personnel who completed Army Basic Combat Training (BCT), U.S. Marine Corps Basic Training, U.S. Air Force (USAF) Special Operations Forces training, USAF Security Forces training, or U.S. Navy Special Operations Forces training and have exceeded a five-year break in service are required by reference 1a to attend standard Army BCT. This policy establishes minimum guidelines when requesting an exception to policy to waive this requirement. Final approval authority to waive this requirement is withhold to Army G-1 (DAPE-MPA).

5. For the purposes of this policy, entry into the IRR starts a break in service, and all time spent in the IRR counts toward a period of break in service if the Soldier is never activated in any capacity. If activated while in the IRR, the break in service begins after Release from Active Duty from the last activated period. Further, for the purposes of this policy, service in an active component or the SELRES, or activated periods while in the IRR, are considered service.

6. PS applicants who request an exception to policy (ETP) to attend basic training will do so after enlistment. Assign these Soldiers to the recruit sustainment program for tracking purposes until ETP is granted or Soldier is shipped, completes BCT and is Battle Hand off (RSP Gold Phase) to their unit of assignment.

7. MEPS Guidance Counselor (GC) will:
   a. Brief each PS applicant of the minimum enlistment period of three years if they require an ETP or BCT.
   b. Schedule for standard basic training at the maximum allowable time of 365 days.
   c. Ensure the following statement is entered in the “Free Form Remarks” section of DD Form 1966, explained to applicant, and initialed for acknowledgement: “I am applying for an exception to policy after enlistment regarding the requirement to attend Army Basic Combat Training. If I fail to obtain an approved exception, I will be ordered to complete Army Basic Combat Training or be discharged without board action or appeal.”

8. Recruiting and Retention Battalion will:
   a. Attach Soldier to RSP site for tracking purposes until battle hand off to unit.
   b. Administer the Occupational Physical Assessment Test (OPAT).
   c. Conduct the standard Army Physical Fitness Test/Army Combat Fitness Test (based on current regulation and policy).
9. Recruiting and Retention Battalion Operations NCO will initiate the exception to policy by assembling all of the Soldier’s documents listed below and submitting with HRR Form 801 to NGB ROB via e-mail: ng.ncr.nbg-arng.mbx.arng-recruiting-operations-branch@mail.mil.

   a. THRU Memorandum from the Recruiting Battalion Commander (see example enclosure attached). Ensure you show justification regarding the ETP reason.

   b. DD Form 2808.

   c. DD from 214/215 or NGB Form 22.

   d. OPAT scorecard.

   e. DA Form 705 with DA Form 5500/01, if applicable; or ACFT scorecard (based on current regulation and policy).

   f. USMEPCOM 6803ADP.

10. Applicants granted an exception from DAPE-MPA are not required to ship to training will have basic training cancelled as outlined in reference 1h. These applicants will be released from RSP and begin drilling with the unit of assignment.

11. Soldiers denied an exception to policy will attend basic combat training or processed for discharged.

12. This policy remains in effect until officially rescinded. The doctrine cell will implement into the Accession Options Criteria within two years.

13. POC for this action is MSG Matthew Campbell at matthew.a.campbell22.mil@mail.mil or 703-607-0944 or MSG Jose Ortiz at jose.d.ortiz5.mil@mail.mil or 703-607-5879.

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2. Sample PS BCT ETP Template
3. HRR Form 801

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